

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer, causing as many as 500 lung cancer deaths annually in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, elevated radon levels are found in many homes and pose a serious health threat to families residing in these homes; and

WHEREAS, any home may have high levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not; and

WHEREAS, radon testing is easy and inexpensive and elevated levels of radon can be effectively reduced at the cost of a typical home repair; and

WHEREAS, the topography of the Borough of Watchung may result in a significant number of homes in the Borough of Watchung have elevated levels of radon; and


WHEREAS, if all New Jersey homes with radon concentrations at or above 4pCi/L were mitigated, about 83 lives could be saved this year.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stephen K. Pote, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, on behalf of the Governing Body and residents of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2015 as

RADON ACTION MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and call upon all residents who have not yet tested to test their homes for radon and to reduce radon levels if elevated levels are found, to protect their families from the serious health risk of radon.

Date: December 18, 2014


Stephen K. Pote, Mayor